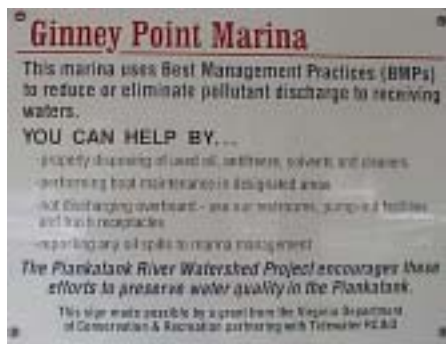


Ginney Point Marina is located in Cobbs Creek, VA in the Piankatank River watershed. It provides approximately 25 boat slips for lease or rental and charter services. The marina offers light industrial services such as pressure washing, bottom painting, and fiberglass repair.

Ginney Point Marina was the first marina certified as a Virginia Clean Marina in August of 2000. It has made great efforts in improving their methods of waste containment and disposal within the marina. They serve as a Middle Peninsula Clean Shores Program Recycling Station and recycle aluminum, glass, and plastic. Also, they have established a fish cleaning station which indicates the proper method of disposing of fish waste. They refer their patrons to appropriate locations when they are disposing of oil or antifreeze, and all trashcans are covered and are emptied often.



Ginney Point has made great advances in preparedness for coastal hazards. The marina has installed a dry hydrant, which utilizes water directly from the creek to fight

fires. Due to this advance, the fire department will be able to respond in a shorter amount of time to an emergency. They have evaluated their risk for various coastal threats and compiled written emergency response plans to prepare for and respond to these hazards. Also, they have an oil boom that could close off the creek in the event of a major spill.



Other environmentally-friendly techniques used by the Ginney Point Marina are the following:

- Incorporating best management practices into lease contracts
- Distributing brochures and oil absorbent material kits to patrons
- Replacing fuel lines with fiberglass
- Installing environmental controls such as breakaway fittings and automatic shutoff nozzles on fueling equipment
- Maintaining an accessible pumpout system and providing functional restrooms 24 hours a day
- Buying minimum amounts of solvents necessary to complete a service
- Minimizing the amount of solvents in storage at the marina site
- Using a dustless sander to contain hazardous materials
- Selling environmentally-friendly cleaners in stores
- Trapping run-off with a ditch and a filter cloth
- Practicing oyster gardening to enhance the wildlife and the habitat
- Posting no-wake signs where shoreline erosion and habitat disruption is a problem
- Providing clear signage indicating environmental, fueling, and pumpout procedures
- Avoiding disturbance of natural habitat and aquatic vegetation
- Maintaining over half of shoreline as natural habitat
- Replacing pressure-treated wood bulkhead with an environmentally-neutral plastic material



Ginney Point Marina has made considerable strides in implementing these pollution prevention techniques and BMP's in order to minimize its environmental impacts. Through agreement

with the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP), Ginney Point Marina has also been recognized as an "Environmental Enterprise" or E2 facility. VEEP is the Virginia DEQ's program to encourage the development of Environmental Management Systems and pollution prevention as tools for achieving long-term improvements in environmental performance. As such, it is hoped that Ginney Point Marina will not only maintain its status as a Clean Marina, but will continuously improve upon its current activities. For more information on VEEP, see <http://www.deq.state.va.us/veep>.

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The Virginia Clean Marina Program is a voluntary partnership to reduce nonpoint source pollution to Virginia's Coastal waters by helping marinas and boaters become more environmentally responsible. <http://www.deq.state.va.us/vacleanmarina>. For more information, please contact Harrison Bresee by email at hpbiii@vims.edu or by phone (804) 684-7768.

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